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LB 954

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 954, the advancement of 954 to E & R for review. Senator Venditte, do you wish to speak to that motion?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, it is very brief, John, just a couple of very important questions, and just as a matter of information to the Legislature as well. As I understand it, John, the millions of dollars currently available and provided by the federal government each year for energy conservation, and as I understand it, John, these funds are not being used simply because the fact of the matter is there is no labor and we are doing the same thing. We are allocating here, what, a half a million dollars, John, \$480,000, for energy conservation measures.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, but Mr. President, I want to answer that one.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Let's just go on, then you can come back, okay, John? In section 3, you say to the powers and duties associated with the mortgage finance fund we have added the authority to make loans for home improvement energy conservation devices. John, what energy conservation devices? What energy conservation devices are we talk...now I have an amendment, John, and will add on Select File if you would be in agreement and that I would just simply say "those energy conservation devices"...Mr. Meyer, are you ready? Okay, John. Okay, the amendment, John, would just simply be this that we are talking about those energy conservation devices that can be proven economically justifiable. Would you be willing to accept that amendment, John? If you would, I would be willing to support the advancement of the bill? Okay, the other question I have, John, is this, on page 2, and members of the Legislature, I would hope to address...I hope I have your attention here because this I think is important. In Section 2, excuse me, on page 2, John, of the amendments, Section 10, it outlines that a utility must offer a payment plan of not less than three years and not more than twenty years for a payback of the loan that is paid through a utility periodically through a billing system. Now under subsection (2) of Section 10, you say, John, you say that a customer cannot or could not have his power shut off if a default occurs on payment of the loan. Now my amendment would say that if a default occurs a customer should have...should have his power shut off, and on page 17, John, of the bill, it is in subsection (2) there at the top of the page, "Upon default on a loan